



## Ohio Revised Code

### Section 1551.31 State policy to increase coal use.

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Legislation: House Bill 640 - 123rd General Assembly

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The general assembly hereby finds and declares that:

- (A) Coal is one of this state's best, most abundant energy resources.
- (B) In recent years the coal industry in this state has experienced economic difficulties that have resulted in a loss of jobs in that industry.
- (C) Some coal users are reluctant to use coal from this state because of its high sulfur content.
- (D) The increased use of Ohio coal in this state could enable the state to be more energy self-sufficient.
- (E) It is therefore imperative for this state to have a strong, viable coal industry in order to create and preserve jobs and improve the economy of this state and that, in order to strengthen that industry, methods must be found to use Ohio coal in an environmentally acceptable, cost effective manner.

Accordingly, it is declared to be the public policy of the state, through operation of sections 1551.30 to 1551.35 of the Revised Code and other applicable laws and authority vested in the general assembly, to assist in the development of facilities and technologies that will lead to increased, environmentally sound use of Ohio coal.

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